



New-York, Oct. 24, 1840.

Mrs. Chapman:

Dear Friend,

I have the satisfaction of informing you that the manuscript of your Report has all come safely to hand, and ~~is lodged~~ been thrown into the printer's hopper, from which I hope it will come out in a style to meet your entire approbation. It will occupy all our first page, and two columns besides, under ~~the~~ ^{the} new "Historical Record," for which it seems peculiarly adapted. It will be printed (excepting only the letters, appendix, &c.) in our largest type, leaded, and will consequently make a very neat appearance. It would be well if the pages of the pamphlet could correspond in size with the Reports of former years; but the expense of overrunning the

matter, I am confident, would be more than you would deem it best, "in these hard times," to incur for so slight an advantage. If the pages are made up exactly the width of our column, I think the pamphlet may still be bound up with the preceding ones, and that the difference will hardly attract notice. — I need not say how anxious I am that the document should go forth from our press entirely free from errors, and especially from such as will materially affect the sense. I shall examine the proof very carefully with James Gibbons, and hope thus to purge it of all mistakes; but, as the manuscript bears the marks of great haste, and as, in spite of the greatest diligence, errors will be so liable to creep in, I shall send you by Monday's mail an impression of the whole; and if you detect any blunders, you can mark them on the sheet, and return it in season to be corrected for the pamphlet edition. I say I shall send by mail: perhaps I may deem it best, on more reflection, to send by the Express. At any rate, you may expect to receive it on Tuesday morning, and I shall wish you to return it the same day, if convenient.

I have nothing to give you in the way of news. Our few friends here are in good spirits, and things move on very quietly. Charles Burleigh is to address our Manhattan Society on Tuesday evening, as he returns from Vermont. We hope for auspicious results, but cannot help feeling that Charles lacks the courage to meet the enemy on the right ground. James & myself mean to sally forth into the country around here as often as our duties at home will allow. We have two appointments already.

Have you seen Whittier's letter in the last Pa. Freeman? His "sufferings" under the loss of ~~the~~ betrayed confidence and the effects of his own treachery, "is" evidently becoming quite "intolerable." He wants to get ~~to~~ back into his old position in the affections of the true-hearted, without passing through the strait of repentance, and by the same management and trickery, in kind, which have characterized all his late movements, as well as those of his associates. He wants us to go back and take a new start, thinking to blind our eyes by appearing magnanimous! He is as generous as the fox who wanted his companions to cut off their tails, in order that they might be in the same plight with himself. He, and such as he, will find ere long that honesty and fidelity are more than a match for their cunning and duplicity.

I see by the last Liberator, that "J." Dr. Farnsworth and "the Chapman family," have proved themselves trouble to bro. Phelps! Is it true, by the way, that Farnsworth holds communion with the Brimfield street Church? I do not believe it.

I need not repeat how glad I shall be to hear from you whenever your engagements will allow

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you to write. Any suggestions ^{from you} in relation to the Standard under its present administration, will be received with due consideration. Wishing to be remembered to your husband and sisters, I remain, with grateful respects,
Yours faithfully, for the cause,
O. Johnson.